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HEADLINES: CUMHURİYET - The salaries of the retired, orphans and widows to be increased in March...MILLİYET - The National Assembly will take up Advance Salary Payment Bill tomorrow...SON HAVADIS - Minister of Public Works Orhan Alp denies allegations about the Istanbul bridge...YENİ GAZETE - Boycotting students in Ankara threaten with hunger strike...TERCUMAN - Men of religion warned against the exploitation of certain known quarters...YENİ İSTANBUL - The question of jet planes to be purchased for Turkish Airlines creates confusion...Director General of THY given forced leave of absence...YENİ TANIN - Our economy is in an impasse, says GP declaration...

A. FOREIGN NEWS

1. Foreign Ministry declines to speak about NATO espionage: ULUS -The Central Organization Financial Section Director of NATO General Headquarters Nahit Imre, who was caught while photographing certain NATO documents and projects in his office in Brussels, has been arrested for espionage and brought to Ankara. Nahit Imre, who is alleged to have sold certain NATO secrets and projects, had gone to Brussels on a three-year contract he had signed with NATO. Shortly afterwards Imre was assigned to the Directorate of the Financial section and began his work with full authority. It is claimed that for some time now Nahit Imre had insisted on seeing the investment projects before signing the authorization for them. This went on for months, and in the meantime he began to become irritable and drink heavily. Besides this sudden change in Imre's character, he attracted attention with his statements in private conversations with his colleagues saying that he knew all of NATO's financial powers and secrets.

NATO's secret agents took Nahit Imre under surveillance and established that he was making frequent trips and often met with Russians. Imre came to Turkey once and to Yugoslavia's Bulgarian border once during the last month. NATO agents, who grew exceedingly suspicious of Imre's activities, raided his office while he was at work. During this raid Imre was caught while photographing certain NATO investment projects and the authorizations for them. Investigation lasted ten days and it was decided to place Imre under arrest. In the meantime Turkey was informed of the situation. Thereupon, two men from the Turkish National Intelligence Organization were sent to Brussels to bring Imre to Turkey.

An official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed the event and said, "It is understood that competent authorities are making the necessary investigation in this regard. There is nothing in our Ministry to add to this."

Nahit Imre graduated from Istanbul University Faculty of Law in 1940 and became the financial consultant in the Economic Cooperation Organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1960 he was appointed as Assistant Director General of Treasury in the Ministry of Finance. Nahit Imre who was sent to the Turkish Embassy in Rome in 1961 as Financial Counselor remained in that post until 1967. Imre was getting 90 thousand Belgium francs a month for his job in Brussels.

2. Japan wants to make Bosphorus bridge: CUMHURİYET (Istanbul-Umit Gurtunca) - Japanese Consul General of Istanbul Hikoichi Shiojiri, in an exclusive interview with Cumhuriyet, said that Japan wants to undertake the construction of the Bosphorus bridge. Ex-Prime Minister of Japan Nobusuke Kishi who will visit Turkey on October 15 will make contacts on this subject, it was learned from the Consul General.

The ex-Prime Minister, who is the President of the Turkish-Japanese Friendship Society, is also the brother of the present Prime Minister of Japan. Kishi will also make contacts in the Ministry of Communications. Minister of Communications Sadettin Bilgiç will give a banquet in his honor on October 18.

The Japanese Consul General said yesterday that a private Japanese company would participate in the bidding for the bridge and the State would finance it with a loan. Contacts were being made in Ankara on this subject.

SON HAVADIS (Ankara) - In answer to the criticisms raised about the Bosphorus bridge of late, Minister of Public Works Orhan Alp said yesterday, "The best answer to these is to start new work in the nation's service." He said that they will have covered a big distance on the question of the roads leading up to the Istanbul bridge in the next month. "All the claims of late are unfounded and made with ulterior motives. That is all there is to say about them," said Orhan Alp.

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was discussed yesterday during a telephone talk of Ambassador Abba El Gafi with the Director General of the Middle East and Africa Department Fahir Alcam of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this talk the possibility of such a visit in April was also discussed.

5. Turkish Workers will leave Ankara for Australia tomorrow: HURRIYET - The first party of workers includes 163 persons. It is likely that the number of workers will total 2,000 by the end of 1968 and may total 3,000 by June 1969.

B. INTERNAL NEWS

1. Inonu left Ankara with his wife for Istanbul: Inonu will attend the meetings of the RPP Istanbul Congress which will start tomorrow. Inonu was accompanied by Dr. Ibrahim Oktem, Professor Turan Guneg, and Orhan Birgit. Inonu will talk on the first day of the Congress in Istanbul and will cover his party's views on internal subjects of Turkey. Secretary General Ecevit will speak on the second day of the Congress. A questionnaire has been attached to the invitations sent to members of the RPP. The questionnaire requests comments concerning duties to be assumed by members during the coming elections and subjects that the RPP should take into consideration as to the elections. The Istanbul RPP organization has published a study comprising 345 pages. It covers an activity report on the RPP Istanbul General Assembly, RPP analysis on elections, RPP objections made following the elections in Turkey, and the reasons for these objections, etc. With regard to left-of-center policy the publication emphasizes that an administration favoring this policy will not use a significant portion of the national income for luxury consumptions and investments. Agricultural productivity will be realized by agricultural reforms and capital to be accumulated in the agricultural field will be transferred to basic lines of industry.

2. Cancerous Selim Sarper has passed away: ALL PAPERS - Selim Sarper was an RPP deputy from Istanbul. He functioned also as Minister of Foreign Affairs and was assigned to important positions in NATO and UN, etc. His body will be taken to Istanbul following a ceremony before the GNA building in Ankara.

3. Olive Oil Exports to European Market: AKSAM - Due to the event in sales of olive oil to an Italian firm in some improper ways last year, European markets are boycotting purchases of Turkish Olive oil. According to a report submitted to the GOT by SPO olive oil exports totaled TL 64 million during the first six months in 1967 as compared to exports in 1968 which only totaled TL 70,000. There has been also a decline of 24.5% in sales of Turkish tobacco to European markets.

4. Investigation Spy Nihat Inre is going on by Land Forces Command: CUMHURİYET - Interrogation is being conducted by the office of the military prosecuting attorney. It is likely that imprisonment for 20 years will be demanded in accordance with Articles 135, 136, and 137 of the Turkish Penal Code.

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